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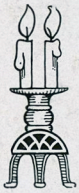

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DEDICATION

TO the boys who have gone into the armed forces and to those who will leave this year, we of West High wish to pay honor. To them we dedicate this book. We want to wish them good luck. May God speed them on their long, hard journey to victory.

We, the seniors of West High, wish to express our appreciation to you for the way in which you have helped to re-establish a West High School. Although it has been a long arduous struggle, we feel that you have done an excellent job and we shall remember you as a friend who has had deep concern for our welfare. We hope future years may bring you continued success in the guidance of students and teachers toward the betterment of West High.

P. G. FRASIER, Principal

FACULTY

Row One: Mrs. McGaffee, Mrs. Capper, Miss McCulloch, Miss Wheeler, Miss Woodford, Mrs. Hartley.
Row Two: Miss Collins, Mr. Mayo, Mr. Lyle, Mr. Evans, Mr. Hough, Mr. Halverson, Mr. Combs.
Row Three: Mr. Morton, Mr. R. M. Anderson, Mr. J. R. Anderson, Mr. Andreasen, Mr. Prall, Mr. Frasier, Mr. Olsen.

WEST HIGH SCHOOL

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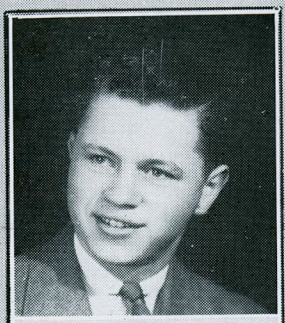
PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE

More than ninety years ago, the people in Des Moines had no means of education for their children. After 1850, however, a school was established which cared for grade and high school students. It was operated on a small scale offering only one course of study. In 1864 a separate high school was established at Sixth and School Streets. There were four persons in the first graduating class in 1868. After moving the location of the school several times, it was thought that a permanent site had been found in the Lincoln building, but in 1888 there were so many students enrolled at Lincoln High that a new school had to be built. The new school was West High at Fifteenth and Center Streets. In the fall of 1923, Roosevelt was opened and West became a junior high in connection with a smaller senior high. Then because of a westward trend of Des Moines' business section, enrollment decreased, and in 1927 it seemed advisable to discontinue West High as a senior school. For many years West served this community as a junior high and, for a time, housed several elementary grades. During recent years, parts of the building have been converted into war-training shops and laboratories.

In the fall of 1942, West was reopened as a senior high school. It was not a traditional high school but rather a vocational high school. Only juniors and seniors were eligible for enrollment. Like the beginnings in any school, the first weeks of the new West High saw delays, confusion, and readjustment. But later in the school year, with the help of Mr. Frasier, a student organization and a number of student activities were established. Despite the ups and downs of its first year, West is now on an upward trend. Even though West High hasn't as large a student body as other schools in Des Moines, we are proud to say that West can take its place with the other high schools in graduating classes of young men and women trained in special vocations for the future.

We feel that in years to come West High will grow in size and popularity. Many new courses in vocational training will be added to the present program of vocational subjects as this school grows in service to the youth of the city of Des Moines.

SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS



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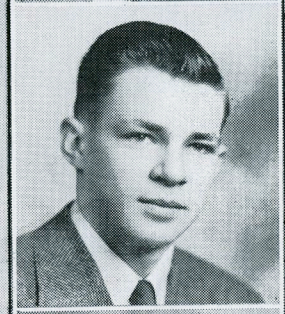
President



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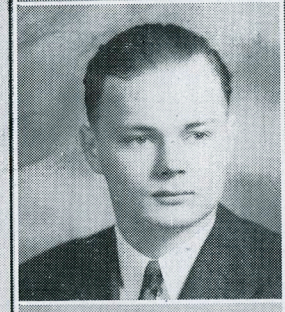
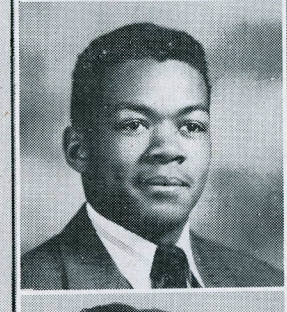
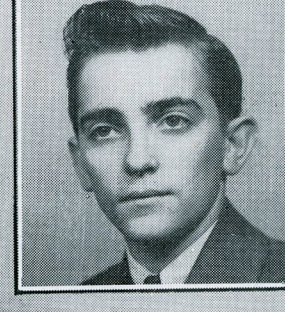
Vice-President



BILL ANDRUS
Treasurer



HENRY SIMMONS
Secretary



BOB McMULLEN
Historian

SENIOR CLASS COMMITTEES

Class Party

Ella Mae Sellman, *Chairman*

Betty Snyder, Bonnie Zavatsky, Mary Jane Sherbo, Doris Short, Norma Cole, Albert Astley, Jerry Goodman, Bill Bashaw, Betty Sherbo, Patty Walker, Bud Clark, Gloria Erickson, Mary Kluesner.

Questionnaire and Announcements

Gordy Phillips and Jack Shockey, *Co-Chairmen*

Harry Beattie, Bill Nickell, John Thiel, Barbara Burton, Charleton Moore, Harold Nicholson, Lyle Boggs, Bernice Friedman.

Senior Class News Edition

Bob McMullen, *Chairman*

Pauline Pusey, Bob Parker, Bob Somers, Bob Bailey, Bob Crosby, Francis Hurwitz, Lee Sumner, Gladys Rains, Jack Roberts, Jim Coleman, Bill Charles, Bill Fowles, Mary Lynn Johnson.

Class Banquet

Roberta Morgan, *Chairman*

Eleanor Ahrens, Shirley Hoffman, Jack Hansen, Louise Dengle, Wanda Rice, Betty Jean Blanchard, Stella Schwartz, Sanna McGilvray, Bob Wallace, Wayne Summers, Rose Mary Murphy, Betty Breese.

Cap and Gown

Jean Orcutt, Norma Bishop, Frieda Kunzie, Margaret Votruba, Betty Jean Miller, Sylvester Strothers, Ellen Freitag, Jake Pildis, Bob Graham, Eva Mae DeCou.

Class Day

Bob Tidrick and Dorothy Arrasmith, *Co-Chairmen*

Bud Kucharo, Arlo Wengert, Roy Sansom, Janet Jordan, Margaret Johnson, Bob Witmer, Frances Selby, Kathleen Davis, Jim Dyson.

Baccalaureate

Virginia Wheeler, *Chairman*

Dick MacCannon, Arlene Barnes, Jean Welshons, Maria Bianco, Dorothy Dreyer, Harold Simpson, Gene Emerling.

Commencement

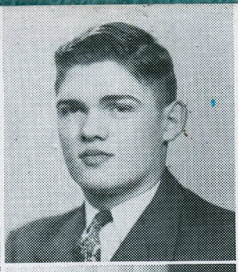
Elinora Davis, *Chairman*

Jean Thomsen, Corrine Strayer, Charles Neiderman, Ellen Spiker, Gene Thomas, Miriam Arms.

Line of March

Donald Love, *Chairman*

Warren White, Willard Sherbo, Rowland Blue.



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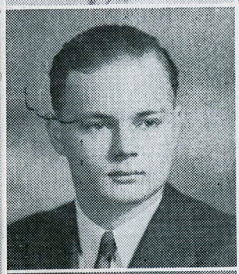
Cheer Leader 7-8
Assembly Committee 8
Band 8
Banquet Committee 8

WAYNE ANDERSEN, *North*

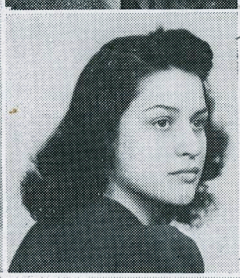


WILLIAM ANDRUS, *Roosevelt*
Noon Hour Activities 8
Student Council 8
Home Room President 8
Basketball 7-8
Baseball 8
Senior Class Treasurer 8

MIRIAM ARMS, *North*
Athletic Committee 7-8
Student Council 7
Home Room Secretary 8
Commencement Committee 8

DOROTHY ARRASMITH, *North*
Student Council 7-8
Student Council Treasurer 8
Social Committee 7-8
Cheer Leader 7
Co-Chairman Class Day Committee 8

ALBERT ASTLEY, *Roosevelt*
Student Council 8
Senior Party 8



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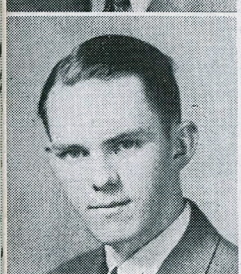
Baccalaureate 8



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Senior Party Committee 8

HARRY BEATTIE, *North*
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MARIA BIANCO, *East*
Social Committee 7-8
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NORMA BISHOP, *North*
Senior Class Home Room Representative
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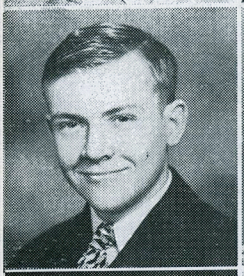
LOUISE DENGLE, *North*
Senior Banquet Committee 8

LLOYD DISNEY, *East*



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DOROTHY DREYER, *East*
Social Committee 8
Baccalaureate Committee 8

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Student Council 7
Noon Hour Activities Committee 7
Senior Class Day Committee 8

GENE EMERLING, *North*
Wrestling 7-8
Baccalaureate Committee 8

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BERNICE FRIEDMAN, *North*
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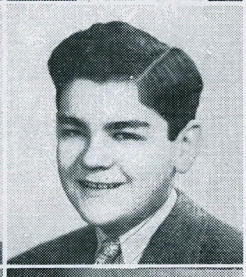

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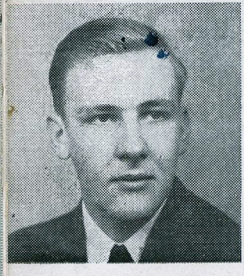

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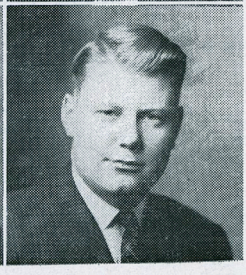

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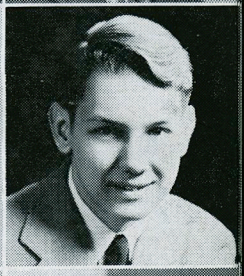

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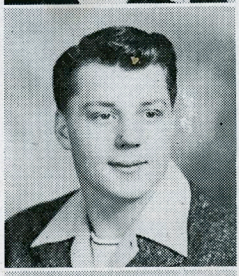

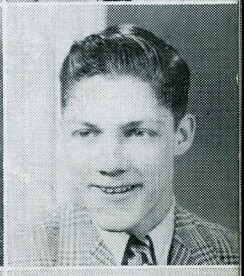

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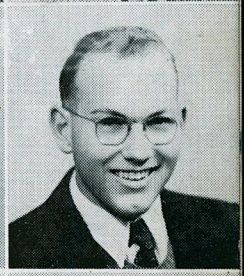

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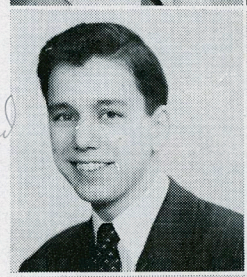

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Co-Chairman Assembly Committee 8
Chairman Commencement Committee 8

KATHLEEN DAVIS, *East*
Social Committee 7
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EVA MAE DeCOU, *Lincoln*
Cap and Gown Committee 8

JULANE HANSEN, *East*

EDWARD HEALD, *East*
Building and Grounds Committee 7

DONALD HINDAL, *East*

SHIRLEY HOFFMAN, *Roosevelt*
Senior Banquet Committee 8

ROBERT INGHAM, *Roosevelt*

MARGARET JOHNSON, *East*
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Senior Class Day Committee 8

MARY LYNN JOHNSON, *North*
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MARY KLUESNER, *Roosevelt*
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BUD KUCHARO, *Roosevelt*
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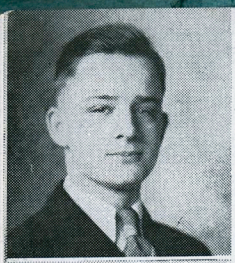

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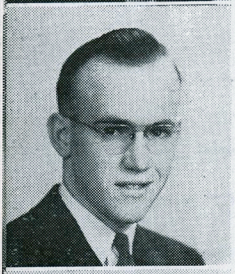

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Cap and Gown Committee 8

CHARLETON MOORE, *Marshalltown*
Senior Questionnaire and
Announcement Committee 8

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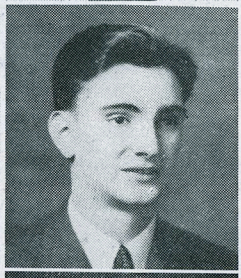

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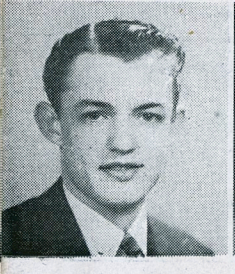

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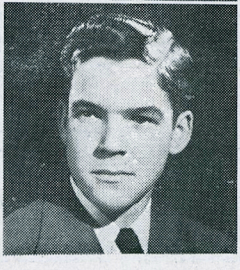

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Captain, Basketball 7-8
Senior Class President 8

GORODESS PHILLIPS, *Roosevelt*
Student Council Vice President 8
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JACOB PILDIS, *North*

PAULINE PUSEY, *North*
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GLADYS RAINS, *East*
Senior News Edition 8

CLIFFORD REEVES, *East*

WANDA RICE, *East*
Senior Banquet Committee 8

JACK ROBERTS, *North*
Home Room President 8
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ROY SANSOM, *North*
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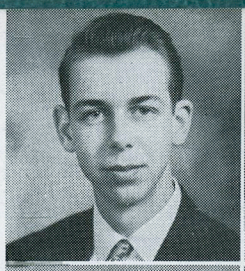

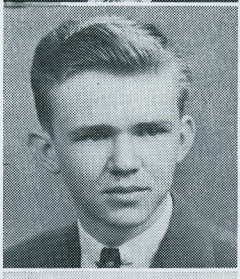

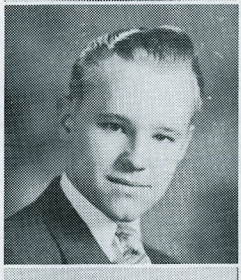

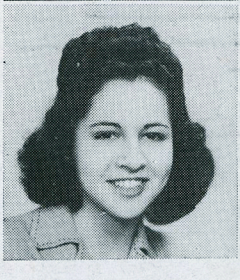

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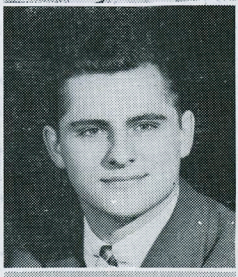

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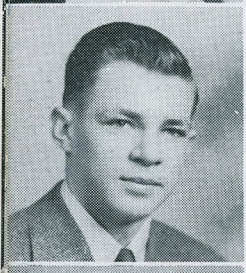

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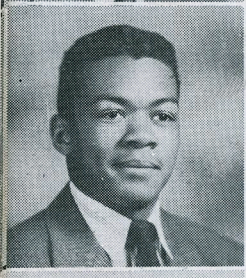
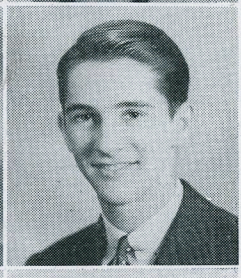

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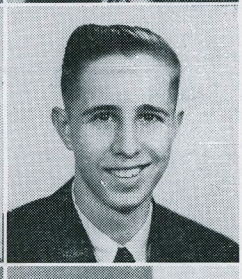

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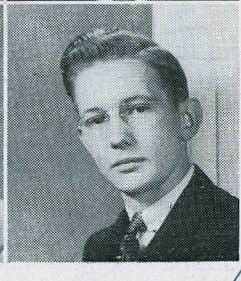

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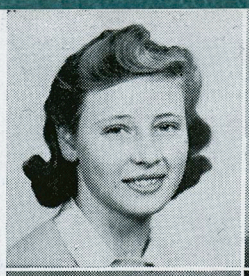

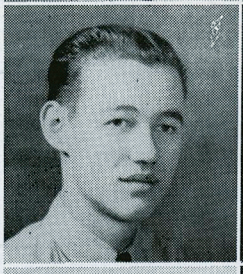

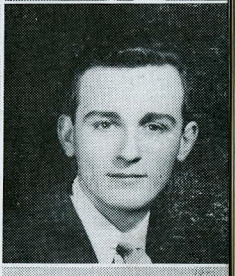

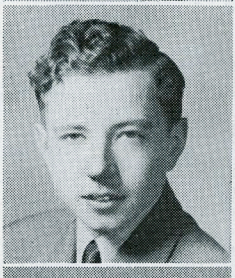

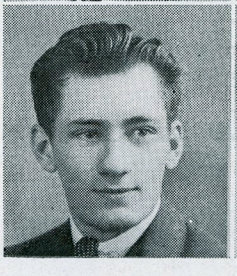

WARREN WHITE, *East*
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Warren White

VIRGIL WILFON, *Roosevelt*
Basketball 7

ROBERT WITMER, *East*
Senior Class Day Committee 8

BONNIE ZAVATSKY, *North*
Social Committee 8
Student Council 8
Senior Party Committee 8

Bob Quigley

ROBERT QUIGLEY, *Lincoln*

Good Luck
Bill Buhrmaster

DOYLE BECKER, *Chariton, Iowa*

WILLIAM BUHRMASTER, *North*

BARBARA BURTON, *North*
Student Council 8
Senior Questionnaire and
Announcement Committee 8

Best wishes
Barbara Burton

RAYMOND CROSS, *Lincoln*

Happy Graduation
Gloria Erickson

GLORIA ERICKSON, *Roosevelt*
Social Committee 7
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FRANCIS HURWITZ, *Roosevelt*
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Band 7-8

CHARLES NEIDERMAN, *North*
Commencement Committee 8

Charles Neiderman
Best Wishes

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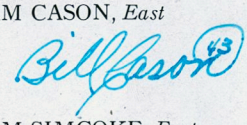
SUMMER GRADUATES—1943

MARIAN BRYANT, *East*

WILLIAM CASON, *East*



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JACK KEIDLE, *Roosevelt*

EULA JEAN KNOUF, *East*

JACK MITCHELL, *Roosevelt*
Wrestling 7

JEAN ORCUTT, *North*
Senior Home Room Representative 8

LEE SUMNER, Roosevelt
Wrestling 7-8
Senior News Edition 8

CLASS HISTORY

Colors—rose and gold

Flower—phlox

Motto—"Go West, young man, go West."

In September, 1942, the doors of West High School were again opened to eleventh and twelfth grade students, as a new vocational school. Many of us had strong feelings of loyalty toward the other high schools of the city, which had been our homes for the previous two years. All our fears and doubts about our new school soon left us when we realized the wonderful opportunity for vocational training that the New West High had to offer. Thus we take pride in being the first graduating class, and we hope to live up to the type of training we have received.

It did not take long to get organized. Anything we wanted to do in the way of activities was soon planned. Basketball, wrestling and baseball teams were organized with many of our seniors winning letters. We were also represented in the band, the Victory Council and all council committees, thus helping to make this past year here a really worthwhile and memorable experience.

Our senior party was a success, with a "Truth and Consequences" show, square dancing, games, and refreshments highlighting the evening. On May 27, the senior banquet was held at Younkers Tea Room. The theme of the program, "Ceiling Zero," was the story of a bomber, representing the new world into which we were graduating. The class day program consisted of a series of plays and a class prophecy.

Our baccalaureate services were held at West High School auditorium with Rev. MacCanon, father of one of our senior boys, delivering the sermon. Of course the real thrill of our young lives came for 109 of us when we received our sheepskins on June 10.

We leave West High School with sincere wishes for those who follow us to keep the standards high, and with sincere thanks to our teachers who were more than considerate and understanding of our problems.

CLASS PROPHECY

As predicated by the four fools:

Harry	Jerry	Al	Mac
Beattie	Goodman	Astley	McMullen

Eleanor Ahrens, Janet Jordan and Mary Kleusner made advances at Broadlawns Hospital. . .Three doctors are now married.

Wayne Anderson, Willard Sherbo, Joe Peterson, Sylvester Strothers, and Arlo Wengart are welding ships for Kaiser.

Admiral Bill Charles and General Jack Shockey are working with Congressmen Harry McGriff and Bob Ingham on plans for policing the world.

Dorothy Arrasmith, Norma Cole, and Miriam Arms have married prominent businessmen whom they met while working as secretaries for the government in Washington, D. C.

Virgil Wilfon, Jack Hansen, and Bob Bailey are John L. Lewis's right hand men. . .Coal miners in Pennsylvania.

Bob Parker, Bill Painter, and Dick MacCanon when last heard from were paying tuition and still trying to get their diplomas.

Bill Nickell and Everett Meeker, co-owners of World Wide Airways Inc., have just hired W. J. Combs to replace burnt-out light bulbs.

District Attorney Bob Crosby has just prosecuted Gene Emerling and Roy Klobnak for shooting pool on Sunday.

Margaret Votruba, Pauline Pusey, and Gladys Rains are now listening to patter of tiny feet on the floor. Darn those dogs!!!!

Doris Short is still "short" a man.

Bill Buhrmaster has been promoted to chief prop-swinger for United Airlines.

Jake Pildis, president of You Wreck 'Em and We'll Buy 'Em Parts Co., has just retired on his war bonds.

Maria Bianco, Rose Mary Murphy, Roberta Morgan and Betty Blanchard have just opened a boarding house for women.

Stella Schwartz, Betty Breese, Betty and Mary Sherbo are still dreaming of the time they joined the WAACs—Ultimate objective: matrimony (still unrealized).

Sec'y of Agriculture, Donald Love, and his assistant, Clifford Reeves, have just discovered another use for corn. Hic!!

Gordy Phillips, Harold Nicholson, and Bud Clark are chief radio technicians for Bellow, Blare and Screech Radio Company.

Reverends Bill Bashaw and Jack Roberts have just returned from a missionary tour of Timbuktu. Oh, those native women!

Jim Coleman and Harold Douglas, owners of Embalmers' Funeral Parlor, have not received a word of complaint from 3,000 satisfied customers.

Betty Snyder, Bernice Friedman, and Bonnie Zavatsky have married Scotchmen so they can wear the pants in the family.

Bill Andrus, naval World War ace, has taken over the Navy treasury.

Bob Tidrick, Roy Sansom, and Bob Graham are working for Spilt Ink Drafting Co.

Louise Dengle, Eva Mae DeCou, and Ellen Frietag are modeling hosiery for Split, Run, and Snag Hosiery Mills.

Ed Heald, Lloyd Disney, and Rowland Blue have just been promoted to privates (f. c.) after ten years of service in the U. S. Army.

Bob Witmer and Jim Hawkins are producing all steel toothpicks for Pickem and Spitem Co.

Arlene Barnes, Wanda Rice, and Dorothy Dreyer are co-owners (by virtue of their marriages to section hands) of the Uphill, Downhill Railroad Co.

Norma Bishop, Elinora Davis and Katie Davis are teaching etiquette at Eldora with such pupils as Ray Cross, Jim Dyson, Bill Fowles, and Don Hindal.

Doyle Becker, Leonard Brown, and Julane Hansen are chief spark plug cleaners for Fouled and Out Spark Plug Co.

Shirley Hoffman and Gloria Erickson are introducing the fine arts of lady wrestling throughout the United States.

Henry Simmons is still serenading Barbara Burton in Harlem.

Mary Lynn Johnson, Frieda Kunzie, Sanna McGilvray, and Betty Jean Miller have joined the service and are permanent WAVES.

Harold Thomas is concert pianist in Carnegie Hall.

Bob Sommers, John Thiel, John Stanger and Charles Neiderman are reported as missing links in the chain gang.

Francis Hurwitz and Bob Wallace, after long years of study, have completed the course "Street Cleaning in Ten Easy Lessons."

Bud Kucharo, President of Kucharo's Nat'l Clothiers has just employed Warren White as his model physique for "Kachoo Suits".

Ella Mae Sellman, Patty Walker, Margaret Johnson, Corrine Strayer, Frances Selby, Ellen Spiker, Jean Thomsen, Jean Welshhons and Virginia Wheeler, form the chorus line in Charleton Moore's Vanity Revue for the World's Fair of "54" at Des Moines, Iowa.

Wayne Summers has just recovered from amnesia under the careful guidance of Dr. Harold J. Simpson's "You Forget It—We Can't Help It" clinic.

Harry, Jerry, Al and Mac have not been heard from since they were run out of town on the rails for writing this prophecy.

12 B's

Front Row: Darrell Cochran, Ray Zeichik, Stanley Jones, Tommy Cox, Allen Holtman, Don Tassin, Wilbur Clos.
Second Row: Jackey Galenbeck, Natalie Kelso, Arlene Eberhart, Isabel Lunn, Helen Eaton, Darlyne Jay, Dick Parker, Bill Moon, Bernard Kissell.
Third Row: Gretchen Knecht, Louise Sundell, Bill Evans, Dominic Rizzuti, Don Gordon, Dan Newbern, L. C. Westberg, Darrell Flowers, Alice Coulson, Mildred Woxell, Mary Miller, Alice Lewis, Pat Dixon.
Fourth Row: Pauline Turner, Helen Tew, Bill Matthes, Bill Lurie, Bill Schulze, Clifford Love, Don Buckingham, Bob DeCocker, Dick Shultz, Jim Lambert, Edith Anderson, Wilma Stites, Wanda Siddons.

11 A's

Row One: Russell Bianco, Herbert Miller, Larry MacDonald, Gene Sheldon, Glen Erickson, Bill Porter, Paul Gurwell, Charles Pollock, Bob Long.
Row Two: Eugene Burch, Jeanne Derrough, Johnny Mann, Pauline Vestine, Wendell Cottrill, Delbert Kerr, Duaine Mossman, Larry Saylor, Jack Taylor, Russell Jose, Buddy Harrison.
Row Three: Marvin Johnson, Jim Pike, John Aduddell, Warren Dooley, Jim Crooks, Walt Gannon, Dick Knappenberger, Wayne Nysven, Dill Doud, Don Forret, Mark Viere.
Row Four: Don Brown, Bob Brady, LeRoy Crusan, Richard Hopper, Jack McDonald, Johnny Schweiker, Gene O'Neill, Bill Graves, Ted Randall, Lloyd Bendixen, Jimmy Ver Huel, Ray Kleinschroth.
Row Five: Ercelle Crawford, Leroy Barickman, Bill Durbin, LeRoy Judkins, Kirk Fowler, Argene Rose, Dick Briggs, Harry Cruchelow, Tom Hansen, Tom Hadden, Anson Goodwin, Bill Burrows.

11 B's

Row One: Bob Hamilton, Dick Ballard, Arie Van Arkel, Jerry Young.
Row Two: Gwyn Hyde, Lynn Huffaker, Tommy Ackelson, Don Grimm, Don Smithson, Bob Wilson.
Row Three: Dick Hilton, Verl German, Walter Heinrichs, Bill Ryun, Kenneth Keiran, Harold Marshall.

VICTORY CORPS STUDENT COUNCIL

Front Row: Arie Van Arkel, Kirk Fowler, Ray Kleinschroth, Julane Hansen, Jim Pike

Second Row: Dorothy Arrasmith, Gordy Phillips, Bernard Kissel, Roberta Morgan, Margaret Johnson, Madeline McCarthy, Miss Woodford.

Third Row: Mr. J. R. Anderson, Ella Mae Sellman, Bob Crosby, Bill Andrus, Roy Sansom, Albert Astley, Bill Moon, Dick Knappenberger, Barbara Burton.

Fourth Row: Jim Crooks, LeRoy Judkins, Walt Gannon, Jerry Goodman, Johnny Mann, Bob Tidrick, Henry Simmons.

Shortly after the opening of West High as a senior high school, plans were made for the organization of a representative student council. It seemed advisable to combine responsibilities of the student council with those of the Victory Corps, hence the Victory Corps Student Council was created.

As the first semester did not provide for home-rooms, representative members were elected from each class and also from core subject areas. The following students were elected: President, Joe Peterson; Vice President, Norma Cole; Treasurer, Jerry Kessler; Secretary, Opal Abild. Other members included Dorothy Arrasmith, Lloyd Bendixen, Myron Brown, Bob Wallace, Bob Tidrick, Kathleen Davis, Jim Dyson, Marjorie Flanigan, Bill Fowles, Bernard Kissel, Dick Knappenberger, Norma Berry, Bill Moon, Dorothy Patrick, Lucrezia Serra.

Five student committees and faculty advisors were selected by the council: Social, Miss Woodford; Lunch Hour, Miss McCulloch; Building and Grounds, Mr. Evans; Athletic, Mr. Lyle; Assembly, Mr. R. M. Anderson.

At the beginning of the second semester, home-room representatives were elected to replace class representatives. The personnel of the second semester council is pictured above, with the following serving as officers: President, Bernard Kissel; Vice President, Gordy Phillips; Treasurer, Dorothy Arrasmith; Secretary, Roberta Morgan.

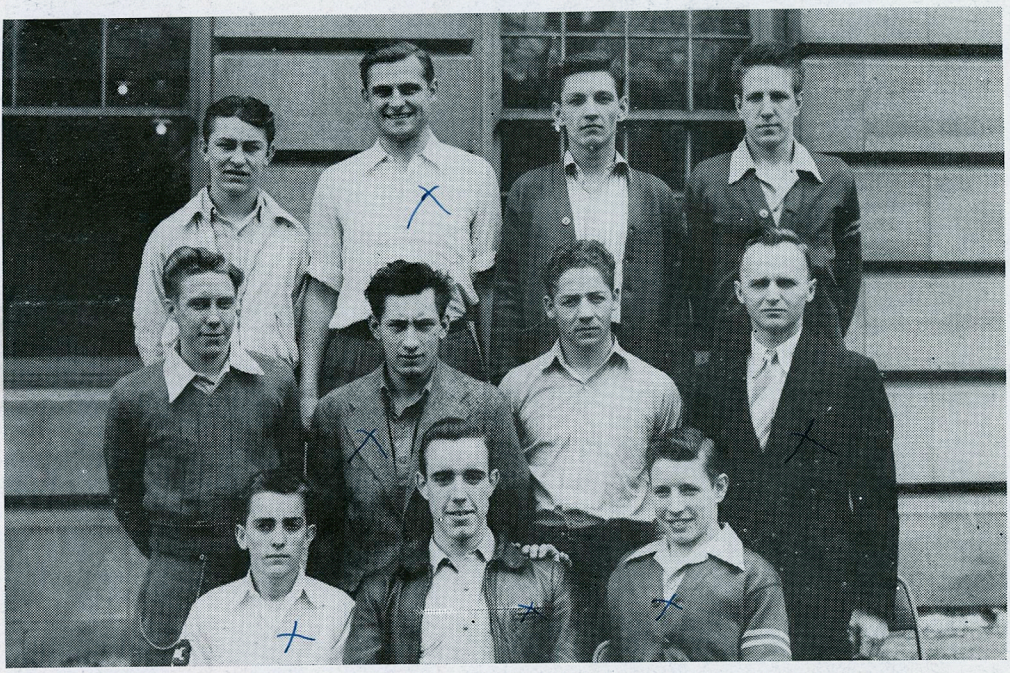
Council members are privileged to wear the official council insignia: A gold pin in the shape of a shield, bearing the letters "S. C."

The council has functioned in organizing student activities, establishing ideas and policies for student welfare, suggesting improvements for the school and promoting Victory Corps activities. The Victory Corps has given many interesting assemblies, promoted bond and stamp sales and, in general, encouraged students to keep up their scholastic work.

Directing the five divisions of the Victory Corps were Mrs. Hartley, Community Service; Mr. Combs, Air Service; Mr. Olsen, Production Service; Mr. Evans, Sea Service; Mr. Mayo, Land Service.

The Victory Corps Student Council meets each week and its aim is to make West High a leader among schools. There has been excellent cooperation from the principal, faculty, and student body and high standards of leadership and loyalty have been established.

WRESTLING



Row One: Bob McMullen, Gene Emerling, Darrell Cochran
Row Two: Don Gordon, Arlo Wengert, Jim Pike, Mr. Olsen.
Row Three: Roy Klobnak, Willard Sherbo, Lee Sumner, Darrell Flowers.

This was West High's first year of wrestling. During a season of competition with more experienced teams, we won a fair share of the bouts. Willard Sherbo, our captain, received third place in the state meet at Fort Dodge, Iowa. At the all-high-school athletic banquet the following major letter winners were announced: Willard Sherbo, Captain, Warren Meyer, Darrell Cochran, Arlo Wengert, Gene Emerling, Bill Charles.

The following boys received a minor letter for wrestling: Jack Mitchell, Bob McMullen, Don Gordon, Lee Sumner, Roy Klobnak, Darrell Flowers.

BASKETBALL

Row One: Bernard Kissel, Jack Shockey, Bud Kucharo, Henry Simmons
Row Two: Del Kerr, Dick Knappenberger, Walt Gannon, Bill Andrus, Tom Hansen
Row Three: Bob Parker, Virgil Wilfon, Mr. Lyle, Jim Hawkins, Wayne Nysven, Bill Moon.

Although we did not win a lot of basketball games, the students regard this first season as a successful one because it taught the boys the meaning of teamwork and helped organize a competitive athletic program at West High School.

A lot of time was spent in practice by these boys and their coach and now that we have a number of experienced players we can look forward to a much better athletic season next year.

At the conclusion of the basketball and wrestling season, the student body honored all athletes at a banquet. The following boys were awarded a major letter in basketball: Joe Peterson, Captain, Jim Hawkins, Henry Simmons, Jack Shockey, Tom Hansen, Dick Knappenberger, Walter Gannon, Bernard Kissel, Lawrence De Van.

The following boys received a minor letter for basketball: Bud Kucharo, Bill Moon, Wayne Nysven, Delbert Kerr, Bill Andrus, Bob Parker, Virgil Wilfon.

The schedule included games with the following schools:

Des Moines: East, Lincoln, Valley, Roosevelt.

Out of town: Norwalk, Pella, Collins, LeRoy, Madrid, Indianola.

BASEBALL TEAM

Row One: Larry Saylor, Warren Dooley, Arlo Wengert, Jim Crooks
Row Two: Bud Clark, Tom Hanson, Tommy Cox, Anson Goodwin, Bill Andrus
Row Three: Harold Nickolson, Mr. Lyle, Walt Gannon, Russell Bianco, Gwyn Hyde, Harold Marshall.

BAND AND CHEER LEADERS

Row One: Ellen Spiker, Janet Jordan, Eleanor Ahrens, Dorothy Arrasmith
Row Two: Kirk Fowler, Roger Rhoads, Bob Tidrick, Bill Burrows, Duaine Mossman
Row Three: Mr. R. N. Kjerland, Tommy Ackelson, Jim Ver Huel, J. D. Stanger, Bill Moon, Sanna McGilvray, Bill Graves.

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Cutting a Rug?

Bud Clark was playing ball a short distance away when his mother called, "Didn't I tell you to beat that rug?"

"No, ma'm, you said hang up the rug and beat it!"

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Prophesy

London Charwoman: "This war can't last more than a couple of months."

Neighbor: "Why?"

Charwoman: "Because my old man has signed up, and he never keeps a job longer than that."

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"Two-thirty all right?" asked the doctor.

"Yes," replied the Chinese. Tooth hurtee, all right. What time I come?

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Harry B.: "Something is preying on my mind."

Bob B.: "Don't worry. It will soon starve to death."

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Francis H.: "Well, I answered a question in class today."
Bob B.: "What answer did you give?"
Francis H.: "Present."

Teacher: "Give me the principal parts of set."

Bright Pupil: "Set—Hatch—Cackle."

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His Job

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Gus: "Oh, the horse will draw that."

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Flat Feet, Too?

"The doctor said I'd be on my feet in a month."

"Was he right?"

"Sure; he knew about my tires."

Sociology Lesson

When a fellow breaks a date he usually has to.

When a girl breaks a date she usually has two.

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Modern Verse

Mary had a little lamb—
Observe the tense, we pray—
For with the rationing of meat,
She has no lamb today.

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Jimmy: "Nothing, Mother."
Mother: "You're getting more like your father every day!"

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Truth and Consequences

Corporal Arlo W. (at dance): "Do you see that old buzzard over there? He's the meanest officer I ever saw!"
Dorothy A.: "Do you know who I am? I'm that officer's daughter."
Corporal: "Do you know who I am?"
Dorothy A.: "No."
Corporal: "Thank heavens."

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Wayne S.: "What did they do before it was discovered?"

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Private Matter

"Gordy", said his mother, "I wish you would run across the street and see how old Mrs. Brown is this morning." A few minutes later Gordy returned and reported, "Mrs. Brown says it's none of your business how old she is."

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A Treat

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Not His Concern

Excited Passenger: "Oh, Oh, the ship is sinking."

Sailor: "I should worry; it don't belong to me."

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Willie: "The porcu."

Jack S.: "My girl calls me maple sugar now."

Bud K.: "What else could she call a refined sap?"

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Candidate: "If I were St. Peter, you couldn't vote for me. You would not be in my district."

*****

Seems So

Wanda S.: "What's the difference between a sewing machine and a kiss?"

Darlyne J.: "I know they're different but you tell me."

Wanda S.: "One sews seams nice and the other seems so nice."

Habit

Corporal: "That new recruit used to be a clerk."

Sergeant: "How do you know?"

Corporal: "Everytime he stands at ease he starts to put his rifle behind his ear."

*****

Mr. Anderson: "I forgot my umbrella this morning dear."

Wife: "How did you remember you had forgotten it?"

Anderson: "Well, I missed it when I raised my hand to close it after the rain had stopped."

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A bishop attended a banquet and a clumsy waiter dropped a plate of hot soup in his lap. The clergyman glanced around with a look of agony and exclaimed: "Will some layman please say something appropriate."

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Sure Test

"Halt! Who goes there?"
"American."
"Advance and recite the second verse of The Star-Spangled Banner."
"I don't know it."
"Proceed, American!"

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Bill Nickell, driving through a remote section of a distant state, stopped at a crude service station for some gasoline. By way of making conversation with the attendant, he said:

"Great job General MacArthur is doing over there in the Pacific, isn't it?"

"Who's MacArthur?" drawled the slow-moving attendant.

"Why, he's the fellow who's leading our forces that are whipping the Japs!"

"What's he whipping them about?"

"Oh, never mind! Just give me twenty gallons of gas and two full sets of new tires."

The Reason

Norma C.: "Have you ever noticed that there are more accidents due to automobiles than to trains?"

Bill F.: "Sure there are. You never saw the engineer on a train with his arm around the fireman's waist, did you?"

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Just Imagine?

The Hawaiian language has an alphabet of only twelve letters. Imagine conducting a war with governmental agencies and bureaus limited to the number of letter combinations one could obtain from so stingy an alphabet.

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